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Navigation

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Burgas Bay was blocked by ice [redacted] There were no ice-breakers in the area so the ship could not move.

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The Harbor

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- a. The ship tied up at the western section of the north quay. The ship drew nineteen feet 6 inches fully loaded and a sounding showed an additional 6-7 feet of water under the keel. The pier is built of stone, and offers good mooring possibilities with many pulleys. There are three cranes on the pier and several railway tracks. All the tracks are sunk in the surface of the pier.
- b. The ship loaded grain which was transported in railway cars and was brought aboard in "tubs." Both cranes and the ship's winches were used for this work.
- c. There are two cranes on the northeast quay. They appeared to be of somewhat lighter construction than those on the north quay. At the mole directly opposite the north quay there is a small tank lay-out. A tanker of about 600 tons unloaded there.

Navy

3. West of the north quay there were some fishing vessels and still farther west of these, some naval vessels. The largest of these vessels were 3-4 landing vessels with a maximum length of 150 feet. They were manned and one of them

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was used as an ice-breaker in the harbor.

[redacted] they had pointed bows with-cut a landing ramp forward. The other vessels, approximately 10, were smaller motorboats. When the harbor was ice free, these naval vessels, with small lighters in tow, went out regularly from this station. They appeared to go around the western mole, and lie to outside at the northwestern corner of the harbor.

Planes

4. Some transport planes flew over the city every day the weather was clear. It was said that they took provisions to ice-bound ships.

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